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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR AG SS

SUBJECT: SAHARA: SAHARAN REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA REPORTED FEB 27 THAT SAHARAN DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AT BIR LAHLOU IN "LIBERATED TERRITORY" WITHIN SAHARA. POLISARIO SECY GEN EL OUALI SHOWN ON TELEVISION MAKING BRIEF INDEPENDENCE ANNOUNCEMENT. (EL OUALI, WHO HAD BEEN REPORTED "CALLED TO OTHER FUNCTIONS" EARLIER IN MONTH, EVIDENTLY REINSTATED.) LONGER DECLARATION BY SAHARAN PROVISIONAL NATIONAL COUNCIL BASED MOVE ON BASIC UN DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AND CALLED ON ALL STATES FOR RECOGNITION. NO RECOGNITION BY ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING ALGERIA, ANNOUNCED AND NO NAMES OF FIGURES IN NEW GOVERNMENT GIVEN.

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2. IN ADDITION TO INDEPENDENCE STATEMENT, EL OUALI,

ACCORDING ALGERIAN MEDIA, DIRECTED APPEAL TO MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TO DESIST FROM POLICY FOR WHICH HE WOULD BEAR HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY AND WHICH CAUSING CONFLICT BETWEEN SAHARAN AND MAURITANIAN PEOPLES WHOSE TIES CLOSE.

3. COMMENT: CREATION OF SAHARAN REPUBLIC WOULD APPPEAR TO RAISE ALGERIS'S COMMITMENT TO SAHARAN INDEPENDENCE AND TO REDUCE FURTHER CHANCES OF GOA'S ACCEPTING "FACE SAVING SOLUTION." TO ALLOW SAHARAN REPUBLIC, AS DISTINCT FROM POLISARIO, TO BE CONSIGNED TO DUSTBIN OF HISTORY WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR BOUMEDIENE TO DO.

4. ALTHOUGH END FEBRUARY LOGICAL TIME FOR INDEPENDENCE ANNOUNCEMENT, MOVE MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN REACTION TO RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. TERMINATION OF SPANISH PRESENCE CREATES SOVEREIGNTY VACUUM FOR NEW REPUBLIC TO FILL. AT SAME TIME ALGERIANS MAY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY UNSYG'S AND SPANISH NEGATIVE REACTION TO EL AYOUN JEMAA MEETING TO TAKE THIS STEP. TIMING MAY ALSO RELATE TO OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING FROM WHICH ALGERIANS MAY EXPECT TO DERIVE COMFORT. ABOVE ALL, HOWEVER, WITH MOROCCANS IN PROCESS OF TAKING ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS THEIR SAHARA OBJECTIVE, ALGERIANS PROBABLY FELT NEED POLITICAL COUNTER MOVE. END RESULT IS THAT OPTIONS OF ALL CONCERNED NARROWING TOWARDS MILITARY "SOLUTION."

5. EL OUALI'S "APPEAL" TO OULD DADDAH IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT IS VIEWED HERE AS CHINK IN OPPOSITION'S ARMOR PARKER

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